Fall 2016

Solid Waste Collection/Recyclables Info/Facility Schedule

Solid Waste Facility 424 River Road, Lewiston OPEN

Weekdays: 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

October 10, 2016 - Columbus Day Holiday

As a result of the Columbus Day holiday on **Monday, October 10, 2016**, the Solid Waste Facility will be closed. <u>Trash & recyclables will be collected as usual on that day</u> and need to be curbside by 7:00 AM. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 7:15 AM.

Leaf Collection Program

As we did last year, waste leaves will be collected from residents along with their household trash! Please place waste leaves in heavy duty plastic bags, curbside, along with your regular household trash, on your regular trash collection day. The City's contractor for trash collection will be collecting the bagged leaves, along with your household trash, for disposal. There is no special schedule for this service. Waste leaves can be placed curbside at your convenience. If you so desire, leaves can also be dropped off at the Lewiston Solid Waste Facility during normal business hours.

Veterans Day - Holiday - November 11, 2016

The Veteran's Day holiday will be celebrated on **Friday, November 11, 2016.** Therefore, the Solid Waste Facility will be closed on that day. **Trash & recyclables will be collected as usual on that day** and need to be curbside by 7:00 AM. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 8:00 AM.

November 24 & 25, 2016 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash normally collected **Thursday, November 24, 2016**, will not be collected until Friday, November 25, 2016. Trash will be collected one (1) day late for the remainder of the week, with Friday's trash being collected on Saturday, November 26, 2016. All trash must be curbside by 7:00 AM. The Solid Waste Facility will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, 2016. The facility will re-open on Saturday, November 26, 2016, at 8:00 AM.

December 24 & 25, 2016 - Christmas Holiday

The Christmas Day holiday will be celebrated on a <u>Sunday</u> this year. Therefore, there will be **no interruption in curbside trash collection service this year.** As always, all trash

must be curbside by 7:00 AM. <u>The Solid Waste Facility will be closed from 11:00 AM</u> <u>Friday, December 23, 2016 through Monday, December 26, 2016</u>. The Solid Waste Facility will re-open on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 7:15 AM.

January 1, 2017 - New Year's Day

The New Year's Day holiday will be celebrated on a <u>Sunday</u> this year. Therefore, there will be <u>no interruption in curbside trash collection service this year</u>. As always, all trash must be curbside by 7:00 AM. <u>The Solid Waste Facility will be closed all day on Monday, January 2, 2017</u>, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:15 AM.

Christmas Tree Collection / Disposal

As was done last year, the City <u>will not</u> provide curbside collection of waste Christmas trees. <u>Please do not place waste Christmas trees curbside; they WILL NOT be collected</u> by waste collection staff.

Waste Christmas trees may be brought to the following locations for disposal:

Public Works Yard
 103 Adams Avenue, Lewiston
 Open 24 hours / day



The City's Solid Waste Facility
 424 River Road, Lewiston
 Open 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Weekdays; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Saturdays

Selecting A Good Quality Trash/Recyclable Waste Collection Container

The staff at the City's Solid Waste Facility is routinely contacted by City residents because their trash container was:

- 1) Not emptied completely
- 2) The handle or wheel of the container was damaged during trash collection
- The container was found in the road / travel way (not returned to curbside) and/or
- 4) The container is cracked or damaged in some way.

Certainly, **NO ONE** likes to come home at the end of a long day only to find their trash container in the middle of the road, damaged beyond all recognition.

Yes, trash containers will wear out over time, some more rapidly than others, depending on size, style, and quality. Based on over 40 years of collective experience with trash collection in the Lewiston community, we are herein providing suggestions for the purchase of a new or replacement container for your household trash & recyclable waste.

- 1) Select a container <u>NO LARGER</u> than 32 gallons. Larger containers tend to be overloaded and weigh more than 30 pounds. This makes trash removal from the container difficult / awkward. These larger containers typically have wheels which are often used as handles when attempting to empty the waste material into the hopper of the truck (<u>for this reason, avoid trash containers with wheels</u>). These situations can result in: the wheels of the container being damaged and/or some residual waste remaining in the base of the container.
- 2) Select a container which is made of a heavy gauge plastic (please refer to photo)



Given the heavy gauge of the plastic used to manufacture this container, this container is less likely to:

- Blow away due to windy conditions or truck traffic on busy roads (i.e., Lisbon, Sabattus and/or Main Streets.) when the container is returned to curbside in an upside down position.
- Be damaged during trash collection, particularly during the winter season when lighter plastic tends to become brittle and is susceptible to breaking.
- Have handles break away from the container during trash collection operations.

Also, there are no wheels on this container, which eliminates the possibility of damage.

A <u>fitted lid</u> is recommended for the container. This reduces the chance of litter issues from birds and other animals. It also reduces the chances of

trash/recyclable waste freezing in the base of the container during the winter season.

The size (32 gallon) & style of the container pictured can be purchased at Lowes, Home Depot, Tractor Supply, and other retail outlets. The typical purchase price is \$28 / container.

- 3) PLEASE REMEMBER: The City does not provide containers for recyclable waste material. The container pictured is suitable for collection of recyclable waste as well as trash. We recommend placing 3 4 "ZERO SORT RECYCLING" labels on the container when used for collecting recyclable waste. These labels are free of charge and can be obtained at:
 - Lewiston City Hall, 27 Pine Street, 2nd Floor
 - Solid Waste Facility, 424 River Road, Lewiston
 - Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon Street

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